

SENATOR NICHOL: So...

SENATOR HEFNER: It would be costing the fisherman or the hunter 15¢ more if he lives in the State of Nebraska.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, so it increases the amount that it costs to get a fishing and hunting license?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, that's correct.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Barnett says no. Senator Hefner, maybe I can ask you this. It costs \$16.50 for a combination now. Will it cost \$14.00 for that combination if we pass this?

SENATOR HEFNER: \$13.50 and 40¢ is \$13.90 I believe.

SENATOR NICHOL: Well, thank you, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: This is the way I interpret it.

SENATOR NICHOL: All right. Thank you. Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Barnett, do you have a different opinion on this? Senator Barnett, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I don't think you'll find anywhere near in that bill or that piece of legislation if you read it where it increases the fees. All it does is increases the amount of money that the Commission or the people that's selling it to them are allowed to collect, Elroy. We argued about that in the Committee if you'll remember and they said no way would they want to increase the license fees. It was just retaining more money for the seller and I think you'll find that on lines, 10, 11 and 12, "who shall be authorized by the Commission to sell said permits shall be entitled to collect and retain additional fees of" and then you go on with your increase. It does not increase the license fees. It takes away.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Barnett, in which committee was this heard?

SENATOR BARNETT: It was heard in Constitutional Revision and you ask Senator Koch. He can help you on that.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch, it says additional amount. What does that really mean? Maybe you can clear this up for us please. Senator Koch. Did you hear the question, sir?

SENATOR KOCH: As I understand and I recall the discussion, Senator Barnett, we did mention the fact that, is this actually an increase in license? What you do is the vendor is entitled to keep this amount from the license, the amount that is collected for it, entitled to keep it.

SENATOR NICHOL: So then the amount that the customer pays for the ...

SENATOR KOCH: All right, right here on the license fee, it says \$6.50 fee issuing 25¢.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay. So the amount that it costs me to buy a fishing license or hunting license is the same as it is now?